building, equipment, furnishing etc. Training to farmers shall be free of cost.

Annual Audit of Ministries

*458. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make annual audit of all the Ministries and Departments of Government, including the offices of the constitutional authorities, mandatory so as to keep a check on the wasteful expenditure all around; and

(b) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) In terms of provisions of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 (Section 13) it is already mandatory for the C&AG to conduct the audit of all expenditure incurred from Consolidated Fund of India by all Ministries and Departments including the offices of the constitutional authorities. Annual audit reports thereon are submitted to the Parliament/Legislature concerned.

Accelerating irrigation benefits

*459. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite spending Rs. 13,823.05 crores in 24 States during 1996—2003, Government failed to achieve the intended objective of accelerating irrigation benefits due to inadequate planning and lack of co-ordination with the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to achieve the desired objectives; and

(c) the details of the irrigation projects pending as on date, State-wise, indicating their financial and physical progress?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The project implementation of irrigation in general and Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in particular is left in the hands of States. However, lack of resource mobilization on the part of State share, the projects get delayed inspite of our efforts. Yet, some States do well. It is not correct that Government failed in the task through the growth was not sufficiently satisfactory due to unavoidable financial constraints of State Governments.

(b) and (c) The Central Government commenced Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in the year 1996-97 to provide Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to such ongoing approved major and medium irrigation projects which are beyond the resource capability of the States and are in an advanced stage of completion with the twin objectives of accelerating completion of ongoing irrigation project and to realize bulk benefits from the completed projects. Subsequently in the year 1999-2000 surface minor irrigation schemes of special category States and Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts of Orissa were included under the programme. The Central Government has provided an amount of Rs. 11,542 crore and CLA under AIBP from 1996-97 to 2002-03 which helped in creation of irrigation potential of about 21.86 lakh hectare upto March, 2003. An amount of Rs. 17,537 crore as CLA/ grant for 184 major and medium irrigation projects under AIBP upto March, 2005 has been provided and which has helped in completion of 37 projects. By injecting this amount an additional irrigation potential of 26.57 lakh hectare could be created through major/ medium irrigation projects upto March, 2004. AIBP has given a boost to the development of irrigation sector as a whole at tne projects receiving CLA in particular.

The physical and financial details of Major and Medium irrigation projects pending as on date/State-wise are given in the Statement.

Statement

Abstract of ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in the Country (As on 1.4.2004)

(Amount in Rs. Crore) *(Potential in lakh hectare)*

Sl. No.	Name of State	Ongoing Projects			Latest Esti. mated Cost	Likely Expdr. upto March 2004	Balance cost as on 1.4.2004 (Antd.)	Ultimate Potential	Likely Potential Created upto March 2004	Balance potential as on 1.4.2004 (Antd.)
		Major	Medi-um	Total						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Andhra Pradesh	15	9	24	18075.03	9496.03	8579.00	23.53	16.47	7.062
2	Assam	5	5	10	1840.88	496.13	1344.75	2.68	1.31	1.37
3	Bihar	9	3	12	4624.82	2320.66	2304.16	8.11	1.32	6.79
4	Chhattisgarh	3	5	8	1932.33	1582.30	350.03	7.45	5.86	1.59
5	Goa	1	0	1	966.56	501.61	464.95	0.27	0.13	0.14
6	Gujarat	3	18	21	31961.79	17255.66	14706.13	19.08	2.69	16.39
7	Haryana	4	0	4	962.13	770.82	191.31	2.54	1.68	0.86
8	Himachal Pradesh	1	2	3	288.57	93.02	195.55	0.33	0.01	0.32
9	Jammu and Kashmir	0	7	7	226.30	143.07	83.23	0.35	0.10	0.25
10	Jharkhand	5	19	24	5747.99	1844.81	3903.18	5.14	0.11	5.03

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	Karnataka	16	18	34	20538.85	12976.67	7562.18	18.73	10.68	8.05
12	Kerala	4	4	8	2608.80	1520.25	1088.55	2.21	0.86	1.35
13	Madhya Pradesh	16	5	21	17996.63	6149.63	11847.00	18.28	2.03	16.25
14	Maharashtra	56	95	151	39695.56	18807.73	20887.83	37.03	13.82	23.21
15	Manipur	2	1	3	702.32	434.74	267.58	0.56	0.04	0.52
16	Meghalaya	0	1	1	57.07	22.59	34.48	0.05	0.00	0.05
17	Orissa	10	10	20	7178.52	3553.90	3624.62	7.94	2.92	5.02
18	Punjab	1	0	1	1324.18	128.09	1196.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Rajasthan	4	4	8	6863.95	4497.23	2366.72	12.17	8.19	3.98
20	Tamil Nadu	0	2	2	105.36	86.12	19.24	0.07	0.00	0.07
21	Tripura	0	3	3	178.00	137.61	40.39	0.27	0.03	0.24
22	Uttaranchal	3	0	3	5334.11	253.06	5081.03	3.12	0.21	2.91
23	Uttar Pradesh	9	0	9	7534.32	4247.39	3286.93	21.52	7.12	14.40
24	West Bengal	2	8	10	2728.42	1038.95	1689.47	6.61	1.40	5.21
	TOTAL:	169	219	388	179472.49	88358.09	91114.40	198.01	76.98	121.06